



**HOME CONFERENCE  
DOORKNOCKER AWARDS  
EUGENE CONSORTIUM, OREGON**

**AWARD CATEGORY:** Innovative Design

**PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION:** Eugene Consortium, Oregon

**PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME:** Aurora Building

**HUD REGION/FIELD OFFICE:** Region X / Portland Field Office

**HOME UNITS/TOTAL UNITS:** 11 HOME units / 54 total units

**HOME FUNDS/TOTAL FUNDS:** \$849,667 HOME funds / \$9,127,413 total funds

**PARTNERS:**

- Saint Vincent de Paul
- City of Eugene
- State of Oregon
- Lane Community College
- Eugene Water and Electric Board

**FUNDING SOURCES:**

• HOME Program	\$849,667
• Super Good Cents Grant	\$20,250
• Lane Community College Grant	\$575,000
• Oregon Affordable Housing Program	\$377,946
• System Development Charge Waivers	\$191,976
• Brownfield Grant	\$50,000
• Eugene Water & Electric Board Grant	\$75,000
• Weatherization Grant	\$100,000
• State Brownfield Loan	\$100,000
• Oregon Dept. of Energy Grant	\$75,289
• Low-Income Tax Credits	\$4,163,425

**BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:**

This project demonstrates the successful use of sustainable design and “green” building techniques in a downtown setting. The Aurora Building is a mixed-use building with 54 total residential units, 11 of which are HOME-assisted. In keeping its focus on sustainability, the project has a geothermal heating, cooling, and water heating system that runs 320 feet below ground level. This system will cut tenants’ heating bills by approximately 50% and water heating bills by approximately 70%, increasing affordability for low-income tenants. The system reduces the overall energy consumption for the building by 32%.

The building is located in a parking-exempt zone, but is convenient to public transportation and within walking distance of many businesses, shops, the local community college, the public library and other amenities. The building design incorporates local artwork, including glass tiles from the Aurora Glass Foundry. The Aurora Building, the first new construction of affordable housing in downtown Eugene in more than 20 years, demonstrates that attractive, environmentally-sensitive affordable housing can advance downtown revitalization.

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**PHOTOS:**



**[Photo: Front of Aurora building]**